PEN-AND-INCULCATION DEPT.

All we know about most of the characters in Newspaper Comic Strips is that they amuse and entertain us. But what about the serious problems of the day . . . like Hippies . . . and Protest Marches . . . and War and Peace . . . and Race Relations?

IF COMIC STRIP BURNING ISSU

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SUPERMAN

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS, I USED TO LOVE LEAPING OVER TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND!
BUT NOWADAYS, I ABSOLUTELY DREAD FLYING OVER THE CITY!
THIS BLASTED AIR POLLUTION IS MAKING MY JOB IMPOSSIBLE!!
POW
CRASH
BAM

DICK TRACY

GERMFACE IS HOLED UP IN THAT ALLEY, TRACY...
GOOD WORK, MEN! LET'S MOVE IN AND GET HIM!
PUT UP YOUR HANDS!!
RIP THAT SHIRT RIGHT OFF HIS BACK!
LET HIM HAVE IT!
HELP! HELP! I GIVE UP!!
THESE DAYS, WE'VE GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO AVOID BEING ACCUSED OF POLICE BRUTALITY!
HEE HEE
TICKLE
TICKLE TICKLE

Where do the Comic Strip Characters stand on these burning issues? The trouble is, they haven't voiced any opinions, so we don't really know! Which brings us to the subject of this article. Here is MAD's idea of what it would be like . . .

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BEETLE BAILEY

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT BEETLE BAILEY ALWAYS WEARS HIS CAP DOWN OVER HIS EYES, SARGE?
YEAH! WHAT'S HE HIDING?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET'S SNEAK UP BEHIND HIM... YOU GRAB HIS ARMS... AND I'LL PULL HIS CAP OFF!
SWELL! THEN WE'LL LEARN HIS SECRET AT LAST!
GET OUT OF VIET NAM!

PEANUTS

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD'VE TAKEN BETTER CARE OF MY DOG HOUSE *SIGH*!
AND I REALIZE IT'S IN A VERY MESSY, RUNDOWN CONDITION! BUT IT IS, AFTER ALL, MY HOME...
...AND I THINK THEY'RE CARRYING THIS URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM A LITTLE TOO FAR!!
SNOOPY